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Excellency,

In keeping up profoundly and meticulously with all the efforts developed by Your Excellency in restoring democracy in Haiti, I come through this means to express my sincere appreciation and to congratulate Your Excellency on having succeeded in reverting to democracy and in retaining the almost outburst of war in that Caribbean country.

The success of Your Excellency in replacing war by peace and harmony has retrieved the Haitians from plight and ruin. This is not the single praiseworthy success that I have inscribed but also in the Midle East, between Israel and Egypt,in 1979 and in the Korean peninsula where Your Excellency has come as a Savior to rescue the whole humanity from suffering and destruction.

Under Mr. Bill Clinton's administration, as the only Super Power Country after the fall of communism, the USA has created a favorable atmosphere for the sake of peace and for the uprightness of democracy all over the world. The tenacious and remarkable efforts in this regard make me so proud of Mr. Clinton's administration especially in relation to its stern attitude towards the Haitian military regime.

In this face of globe, however, a number of military dictatorship regimes remain in maintaining their arrogant and insoluble position - particularly the military dictatorship in Indonesia under the leadership of Soeharto - against the implementation of democracy and the norms which regulate the international community.

For 19 years, the Soeharto's regime has perpetrated freely and unrestrainedly the most nauseous crimes against the small, weak and undefended people of East Timor. Since Indonesia invaded East Timor, the orgy of murders, tortures, persecutions, disappearances, terrors and brutalities have been prevalent in the entire territory. While such a situation becomes the daily bread of the Timorese people, Portugal and Indonesia under the auspices of UN since 1981 up to the present moment, regardless to the real essence of the conflict, have possessed only the spirit of the objective of "dialogue by dialogue".

Ironically the situation mentioned above becomes prevalent in Indonesia as well.Fighting for freedom of speech, justice, democracy and free association, our sisters and brothers in Indonesia face the same fate as we do in East Timor.

For the uprightness of democracy and to asculate the political will of the people of East Timor, the realization of a constructive dialogue is indispensable to all the involved parties in the conflict.

Believing that dialogue is the only effective way to establish a peaceful and harmonious sociability among people and nations in the world, I come through this means to propose to Your Excellency to :

1. Take similar steps to conditionate and to implement a popular referendum in East Timor for voting the political future of the territory.

2. Propose to Soeharto's regime to include also in the triangular negotiation (Indonesia-Portugal under the auspices of UN) the representants of the people of East Timor, namely (1) The Commander in Chief of FALINTIL and the top leader of CNRM, Mr. Xanana Gusmao, (2) Dili Bishop, Msr Dom Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo SDB (3) The Special Representant of CNRM, Mr. Jose Ramos Horta.

3. Release immediately and inconditionally all the Ti - morese political prisoners from the prisons in Indo - nesia and East Timor, including the Indinesian pol - itical prisoners who have been in jail since 1965.

4. Stop all the waves of persecution, intimidation and supression against the students in Indonesia who are fighting for freedom of speech and democracy as a whole and the students of East Timor in particular.

At last, I am certain that Your Excellency will associate widely and consequently with the whishes and aspirations of the young generation to uphold the implementation of democracy in Indonesia in general and to find an internationally acceptable solution for the conflict of East Timor that has dragged on for years.

Yours Sincerely,

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